

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Lyon
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:

Hartford Collegiate Institute

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Hartford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

no. 5, Joe Skubitz

STATE

Kansas 66854

CODE

COUNTY:

Lyon

CODE

111

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>library and</u> <u>civic center</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

City of Hartford

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Hartford

STATE:

Kansas 66854

CODE

20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

Lyon County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:

Emporia

STATE

Kansas 66801

CODE

20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas

DATE OF SURVEY:

1957

☐ Federal☒ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

120 W. Tenth

CITY OR TOWN:

Topeka

STATE:

Kansas 66612

CODE

20

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1863

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hartford Collegiate Institute in Hartford was established in 1861 as a branch of Baker University in Baldwin to prepare students for entrance into the Methodist university. Its location was chosen by the Methodist Episcopal Conference in 1860, and a group called the Neosho Valley Educational Association of the M. E. Church first met on December 11, 1861, to make plans for the school. During the next meeting on January 2, 1862, a committee of two persons was appointed to investigate the possibility of erecting a building.

Local citizens agreed to donate funds and land, and by the spring of 1862 the institute showed contributions of cash, materials and labor amounting to 1,530. The Hartford town company and individuals gave 1,116 acres of land in the Hartford vicinity and 294 town lots, some of which were sold to raise money for construction and later for the operating expenses of the school. The Board of Trustees made a contract with John Griffith and Richard How for the construction of the two-story limestone building. Work was to begin in July, 1862, and the building was to be completed by October, 1862. Pledges were difficult to collect, however, and by April, 1863, the walls were only one-fourth completed. The structure was finished in the fall of that year and the first classes were held October 14, 1863.

An executive committee had been appointed in August, 1862, by the Board of Trustees to prescribe courses of study, fix tuition costs and determine the opening date. Classes that would correspond to the upper two grades of high school and the first year and a half of college were desired. Solomon Lewis was the first teacher in the new building, with several others being added as the attendance increased. In 1866 Asa D. Chambers leased the institute building for ten years and in 1867 opened it as a first class academy. By 1870 there were 120 pupils, although during the period from 1865 to 1868 the school operated only under extreme hardship.

The institute had to close in 1875 because of insufficient funds, but the public school district used the lower floor of the building until 1877. Methodist church services were held in the Collegiate Institute building for approximately 20 years until 1887. The local high school met in the building 1903 to 1912. Since then it has periodically been used as a civic and social center for the community. Restoration began May 18, 1956, in preparation for the 1957 Hartford centennial. Presently the building is used as a library and civic activity center.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

Emporia Times, June 16, 1949.
 "Facts in Hartford's History are Revealed at a Community Meeting," Emporia Gazette, February 11, 1950.
 The First One Hundred Years: A History of the City of Hartford, Kansas, 1857-1957 (n. p., 1957), p. 8.
 French, Laura M., History of Emporia and Lyon County (Emporia, Emporia Gazette Print, 1929), pp. 130, 131.
 Hartford Times, Centennial Edition, June 16, 1949.
 "Historical, Descriptive and Commercial Review of the City," Neosho Valley Times, November 26, 1897.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		38 18 32	95 57 25	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey		
ORGANIZATION Kansas State Historical Society	DATE Oct., 1971	
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 W. 10th		
CITY OR TOWN: Topeka	STATE Kansas 66612	CODE 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____ Nyle H. Miller</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date Sent to NR: 11/24/71</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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HARTFORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

8. cont.

The Hartford Collegiate Institute is the oldest building in Hartford and the oldest school building in Lyon county. It has not only been used as a college preparatory school, high school and grade school, but it has been an important center for social and religious activities as well.

9. cont.

"History of College Building," Hartford Times, May 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22; July 6, 14, 20, 1956.

History of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), p. 866.

Minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the Kansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Lawrence, Kansas, Republican Journal Book and Job Printing Rooms, 1871), pp. 20, 44, 46.

Ninth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Kansas, 1869 (Topeka, State Printer, 1870), p. 99.

"Restoration . . . Will Take Everyone's Help," Hartford Times, May 4, 1956.
Topeka Journal, May 13, 1957.

